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Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement for filing in the aboveidentified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been $[\]$ established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and [] 1.27 is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated May 7, 2003, the claims of Group 1 (Claims 1-23 and 31-76) drawn to Surgical Instrument Method and System are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 24-30 and 76-93.

Please add new Claims 94-103.

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